

## COL Gail J. Williamson, USA, AN

## Acting DIRECTOR TRICARE AREA OFFICE – EUROPE

COL Gail Williamson is currently the acting Executive Director and Chief, Healthcare Operations Division at the TRICARE Area Office-Europe. She received a Diploma in Nursing from Newman Memorial Hospital in Emporia, Ks and was commissioned in the United States Army Reserves in 1978. There she served in the 410th Evacuation Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, until 1982. She completed her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Washburn University, in May 1982 and transferred to Active Duty with first duty assignment at Ft. Riley, Kansas. She has served in numerous locations both in CONUS and OCONUS. Additionally, COL Williamson has a Master of Science, Nursing, from Texas Women's University and a Master of Public Administration from Golden Gate University

COL Williamson joined the staff at TRICARE Europe in July 2002, transitioning from Chief Nurse and Assistance Chief Nurse assignment at Ft. Sill, OK. Her previous assignments include positions as Staff Nurse, Head Nurse, Deputy Director Phase 2 91C program, Chief of Ambulatory Nursing, Assistance Chief Information Management Division, Chief Surgical Nursing Service, Deputy director Consolidation Education, Chief Nursing Administration Days, and as an interim Chief Nurse. She has served in small military hospitals to large military medical centers.

COL Williamson has been recognized as an active clinical nursing leader during of her military career. Her wide variety of experience in both inpatient and outpatient care allows her to be an asset in either area and additionally to understand the importance of continuity of care patient deserve between the two areas. She is board certified from the American Nurses Association in Medical/Surgical Nursing and Nursing Administration.